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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:

Appeal No. _____

YONG-TAE JEONG

Serial No.: 09/576,218 **Examiner: PHAM, THIERRY L.**

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For: REDUCING A STANDBY PERIOD OF TIME FOR PRINTING (as amended)

REPLY BRIEF

Paper No. 18

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §41.41(a), Appellant hereby requests entry of this Reply Brief in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed on 18 March 2005 (Paper No. 17).

This Reply Brief is filed in triplicate, together with a written Request for An Oral Hearing before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, and the statutory fee incurred by that request.

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REMARKS

The Examiner's Answer mailed on 18 March 2005 (Paper No. 17) has been carefully considered.

Stated simply, in a prior art computer network including two or more printers, such as that discussed in Ishii, a print server separate from the host computer stores data from the host computer or other computers in the network and forwards this data to an appropriate printer of the computer network.

On the other hand, the present invention is directed to a computer network including two or more printers but having no separate print server. Rather, the host computer performs the functions of the print server. In the host computer performing the functions of the print server, standby time is reduced since it is not necessary to first forward the data to the host computer and then have the host computer forward the data to the print server.

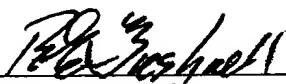
To state that the print server of Ishii corresponds to the host computer of the present invention, as alleged by the Examiner, is missing the entire point of the present invention, namely, the elimination of the separate print server.

Since the present claims recite a system and method and program storage device in which a network including two or more printers operates without a separate print server and since Ishii

specifically utilizes a separate print server with its network, it is submitted that the present claims are clearly patentable over Ishii.

A Request for Oral Hearing and an Appellant' check in the amount of \$1,000.00 drawn to the order of Commissioner accompany this Reply Brief. Should the Request and/or check become lost, the Commissioner is kindly requested to treat this paragraph as such a request, and is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 02-4943 of Applicant's undersigned attorney in the amount of such fee.

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